

The Cochin Tanneries.

492. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

1. whether their attention has been called to the article headed by "The Cochin Tanneries" in the *Cochinite* of 10th Thulam 1106;

2. whether the Government would be pleased to re-consider the case of Tanneries in the light of the revelations made therein in the interests of the public who are share holders.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. Yes.

2. The matter is receiving the attention of Government. Orders will be passed shortly.

Proclamation—Untouchability.

493. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) whether they are aware that a token cut was moved in the last Budget Session of the Council by the Member for the Southern Ezhuvas recommending to the Government to request His Highness the Maharaja to issue a Proclamation abolishing untouchability and unapproachability in the State;

(2) whether they had accepted the recommendation openly in the Council,

(3) whether they have placed the recommendation before His Highness;

(4) and whether they have received any commandments on the recommendation from His Highness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) Government did not oppose the motion.

(3) & (4) Government are considering the question.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Do the Government remember the statement made by the Diwan-President in the presence of the Political Agent that the matter will be placed before His Highness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is not the statement made by the Diwan-President an acceptance by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Diwan-President's words themselves state the exact position of the Government. The Diwan-President did not say that the Government accepted it.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—The Diwan-President said that the matter will be placed before His Highness. The cut motion only wanted that. Therefore it comes to the same thing. Has it been placed before His Highness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Diwan-President's words themselves give the answer.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Have the Government placed the matter before His Highness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The word Government includes both the Diwan and His Highness.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has anybody responsible placed the matter before His Highness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not possible to answer that.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know why it is not possible to answer that question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The correspondence between the Diwan and His Highness is not generally divulged.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—It is a promise made openly in the Council that the matter will be placed before His Highness. Has the promise been kept?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The promise has not been violated. Government are considering the matter.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has the matter been placed before His Highness? If it has not been placed, Government can say so.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I answered that the correspondence between the Diwan and His Highness cannot be divulged.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is it under correspondence?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has the matter been placed before His Highness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot give any more information on this point.

Obscene songs.

494. മസ്കർ: എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—(a) തെറിപ്പാട്ടുകൾ നിലത്തു ചെയ്യേണമെന്നു അപേക്ഷിച്ചു ഗവണ്മെന്റിനു എത്ര നിലവേദനങ്ങളും അപേക്ഷകളും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്;

(b) ഈ വിഷയകമായി കൊടുക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ഏതെല്ലാം വിധത്തിൽ നിലവേദനങ്ങൾ കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്;

(c) തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ തെറിപ്പാട്ടും കോഴിവെട്ടും നിലത്തു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടാവാതെ വല്ല ക്ഷോഭമോ ദോഷഫലങ്ങളോ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(d) തെറിപ്പാട്ടു നിലത്തു ചെയ്യാൻ കൗൺസിലിൽ വലിയ ഭൂരിപക്ഷത്തോടെ പാസ്സാക്കിയ പ്രമേയത്താൽ ഉത്തരവിടാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനു കാരണമെന്ത്?

രാമവർമ്മ തമ്പുരാൻ.—(a) and (b) പലേ നിലവേദനങ്ങളും അപേക്ഷകളും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.